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SUBJECT: ALLIED REPLY TO SOVIET DEMARCHE ON EC
PARLIAMENT

REF: STATE 219657; BONN 15177, BONN 15456

1. DEPT BELIEVES THAT THE CENTER OF GRAVITY OF THE
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ALLIED REPLY TO THE SOVIET PROTEST SHOULD CLEARLY BE THAT

INDIRECT REPRESENTATION OF THE WSB IN A POPULARLY-ELECTED EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DOES NOT AFFECT THE STATUS OF BERLIN. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT TOO GREAT A RELIANCE ON THE EXISTING SITUATION RATIONALE IN THIS CASE COULD LEAD TO THE SOVIETS TURNING THE SAME ARGUMENT AGAINST THE ALLIES IN FUTURE PROTESTS AGAINST INCLUSION OF BERLIN IN EC DEVELOPMENTS NOT FORESEEN IN THE 1957 TREATIES. IT IS PRIMARILY FOR THIS REASON THAT WE DELETED EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO THE EXISTING SITUATION AND EMPHASIZED THE STATUS ARGUMENT BY PLACING IT FIRST IN THE SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF OUR DRAFT TEXT (STATE 219657).

2. WE BELIEVE THE EXISTING SITUATION ARGUMENT IS ADEQUATELY EXPRESSED BY IMPLICATION IN THE LATEST BONN GROUP DRAFT (BONN 15177) AND THAT THIS SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO MEET BRITISH CONCERNS. THUS US REP SHOULD EXPRESS CONTINUED US PREFERENCE FOR TEXT WITHOUT EXPLICIT MENTION OF EXISTING SITUATION. WE COULD ACCEPT TEXT ALONG LINES OF BONN 15177, AND HAVE NO OBJECTION TO CHANGES PROPOSED BY FRENCH AND FRG REPS (BONN 15456).

3. SHOULD BONN GROUP CONSENSUS NONETHELESS FAVOR BRITISH VIEW, DEPT WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER SINGLE REFERENCE TO EXISTING SITUATION AS RECOMMENDED IN BONN 15456. HOWEVER, THE OVERALL EMPHASIS OF SUCH A TEXT SHOULD REMAIN THAT THE STATUS OF BERLIN WILL NOT BE AFFECTED. ROBINSON

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